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Museums & Cultural Affairs

The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 4:00 PM City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 4:12 p.m.
2. **Roll Call. Members Present:** Katherine Brennand, Michael Nash, Amy Parker, Anna Pilhoefer, Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson, and Gregory Elliott. **Members Absent:** Floyd Johnson and Martina Lorey. **Others Present:** Patricia Dalbin, Public Art Program Coordinator; Marisol Lopez, Public Art Program Specialist; Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant; and Julio Sanchez de Alba, Artist.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson moved that the minutes for March 25, 2008, be approved as stated; Michael Nash seconded; all members voted in favor, no declines; and motion passed unanimously.
5. **Recommendation of Artist of Cielo Vista Library.** Recommendation that local artist be fast tracked for this project due to time restraints. General discussion on selection of artist Patricia Sabina Muñoz; presentation of her work provided for review and consideration. Gregory Elliott moved to approve the selected artist; Katherine Brennand seconded; all members voted in favor, no declines; and motion passed unanimously.
6. **Recommendation of Men of Company E Design.** Artist Julio Sanchez de Alba presented his design concept for bronze relief and granite panels depicting events of battle and names of soldiers lost in battle. General discussion about integrating green space, sidewalks, lighting, and ADA specifications. Katherine Brennand moved that the artist design be approved with or without sidewalks, depending on ADA specifications for wheelchairs; Michael Nash seconded; all members voted in favor, no declines; and motion passed unanimously.
7. **Review of the Upper Valley Traffic Circle.** Project on hold due to review of right-of-way by City's Streets Department. Stakeholders will provide additional feedback before proceeding with project construction. PAC reviewed final artist design for this project and makes recommendation to proceed with project. Anna Pilhoefer moved to approved final artist design; Katherine Brennand seconded; all members voted in favor, no declines; and motion passed unanimously.
8. **Review of the Civic Center Plaza Design.** Civic Center is engaging public art process to manage artist contract and assist with design concept. Final design concept presented for review and discussion. Committee is delighted to be included in process, and is very pleased with the final design concept.
9. **Mission Valley Terminal Enhancement.** Sun Metro is engaging public art process to contract artist for this project. Committee agrees to share list of pre-qualified artists with Sun Metro, and assist in assembling Artist Selection Panel. Further review required.
10. **YMCA Building Renovation.** City obtained building on Montana and is engaging public art process to implement public art project on site. Committee is recommending that local artist Cesar Ivan be selected to work with architects in the design concept. Michael Nash moved to approve the selected artist; Gregory Elliot seconded; all members voted in favor, no declines; and motion passed unanimously.
11. **New/Old Business.**
 - Announcement for open call to expand artist pool will be made this summer.
 - Alberta Way project completed. Date for on site reception to create public awareness will be announced during next meeting.
 - Piece for Art & Sol project completed by Roberto Salas. Final design provided for viewing.
 - Committee agreed to change and establish new time for future meetings to 3:30pm.
12. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Aragon, Administrative Assistant